

TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

W-2 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

Program Description:

The W-2 program seeks to provide a broad array of employment and training services to help eligible Wisconsin residents obtain and maintain viable, self-sustaining employment. W-2 accomplishes this goal by providing needed services in a comprehensive fashion; from job readiness motivation to job retention and advancement skill training. W-2 employment and training services are available to any eligible Wisconsin resident unable to sustain employment or advance in the job market; W-2 services are not limited to recipients of cash assistance.

TANF funds are used to reimburse the W-2 agencies for all the W-2 services required in their contracts. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Processing W-2 application; eligibility dates and reviews;
- Determining Financial and non-financial eligibility;
- Complying with and explaining W-2 time limits;
- Case processing requirements; verification, fraud detection and prevention, overpayment recovery, reporting changes, confidentiality;
- Front-end verification and fraud referrals;
- Assessments;
- Placements in the W-2 ladder;
- Developing Participant Employability Plans;
- Referring applicants for W-2 placements; Unsubsidized Employment, Trial Jobs, Community Service Jobs, W-2 Transitions;
- Providing Custodial Parent of an Infant Payments;
- Providing Education and Training in accordance with the Employability Plan;
- Referrals to appropriate service providers for AODA, Mental Health, Transportation, etc;
- Working with employers;
- Providing Learnfare services;
- Providing Case management for non-custodial parents, pregnant women and minor parents;
- Child care eligibility;
- Child Support referrals;
- Children First (optional);
- Administering their Employment Skills Advancement Program;
- Administering Emergency Assistance;
- Administering Food Stamps;
- Providing Transportation assistance;
- Completing Fact Findings/Fair Hearings;
- Administering Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medicaid;
- Developing and maintaining Community Steering Committees;
- Developing and maintaining Children's Services Network; and
- Complying with Job Center Standards.

Client group served:

All W-2 and Related Programs applicants and participants.

Critical Indicators:

W-2 has become the most successful welfare reform program in the nation in terms of job placements, retention and advancement.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$128,000,000